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BOARD MEETING

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. . . The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Tuesday, January 29, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, H. C. Luttrell, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

H. C. LUTTRELL, Chairman
L. J. AUTIN, Vice-Chairman
J. B. ANGELLE, Director
D. G. BERRY, Member
MARC DUPUY, Member
J. G. JONES, Member
D. F. WILLE, Member.

A G E N D A

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

1. Renewal of permit to dredge for fill material in the St. Malo Channel by Louisiana Cement Company.

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MR. HARRY SCHAFER

2. Approval of contract for heating and air



conditioning Quarter Barge at Pumpkin
Center, Hammond, Louisiana.

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3. Closure of Hackberry Bay to oyster dredging.

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4. Approval of uniform regulations for oyster
division.

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MR. RICHARD YANCEY

5. Cache River drainage project - Arkansas.

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MR. JOE HERRING

6. Approval of contract to install chain link
fence at Crawford Landing, Pearl River
Wildlife Management Area.

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7. Approval of contract for surveying the
boundaries of Loggy Bayou Wildlife
Management Area.

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8. Acceptance of bid to repair Ft. Pike boat
ramp.

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9. Acceptance of bid for construction of boat
ramp on Spring Bayou Wildlife Management
Area.

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10. Presentation of proposed Attakapas Park Game
Management Area in Atchafalaya Basin.

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(Mrs. Sandra Thompson)



11. Lease of Waddell Tract in Baton Rouge to
Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

(Mr. Gerald Martinez)

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12. Ratify budget request for 1974-1975.

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CHAIRMAN H. C. LUTTRELL: May I have your attention, please? I understand that we have no public address system. We have loaned our facilities to the Civil Service Commission and the mike you see is for the purpose of recording.

Jerry, you have a group, I believe, that would like to be heard.

MR. J. G. JONES: It is my privilege to ask that you hear this gentleman first. He represents the Calcasieu Rod & Gun Club and he has a matter I think of extreme importance which he would like to discuss with you shortly, Mr. Jerry DeMare. I might remind you while he is coming up to the microphone that his organization is one of the conservation groups in Louisiana that has



always cast their lot for good wild life conservation and we certainly appreciate the support that they have given. They represent a great number of people in Southwest Louisiana. He has a problem and I will turn it over to him now.

MR. JERRY DE MARE: Thank you, Jerry. As you said, I am Jerry DeMare with the Calcasieu Rod and Gun Club. We read recently in our local paper that the Allen Parish Police Jury members were going to seek that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission close hunting in West Bay. This would be deer hunting, as the article read, which fairly well alarmed our club and the people in our area. We would like to see this open if it is biologically feasible from the standpoint of the refuge under you all's own decision if this is what should be done. If this turned out that it should be closed and you are the people who decided it should be closed, then we would be in all support of it, but when it comes down to letting our police jury ruin the game management areas we just couldn't go along with that, and this is why I came up here yesterday and again today to let matters such as



this be determined by our biologists and not our politicians.

I thank you. I did not see the people here at this time. If this should come up, I would appreciate you folks taking this into consideration. As always in the past, the biologists are the most likely people or the best qualified people to determine whether or not we should have deer hunting. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Thank you, Mr. DeMare.

MR. JONES: Could I just impose one minute so he might take a message back to his organization. I would like to ask Mr. Herring, Chief of the Game Division, if he would let Mr. DeMare know what the present status of West Bay is, if there has been any change of any kind, and then he could take that message back with him.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We haven't really received any request from the police jury. The only thing, we have been contacted by Representative Caine. Apparently the police jury contacted him for a report on West Bay and apparently



the police jury thinks we killed too many deer out of there this last year. There were about 350 deer killed, which was up on our kill this year. The range there is very poor compared to a lot of the other wildlife management areas. We are preparing a report at this time on West Bay in particular, comparing it to the other wildlife management areas, to give this report to Representative Caine and to the police jury at the Director's request.

MR. JONES: Would you send the Calcasieu Rod and Gun Club a copy of your report?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir. I would be glad to give Jerry a copy and the Rod and Gun Club. Sure will. We will work on that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. DeMare, I would like to say this, that we have a deer committee and this committee I have served on. We take the recommendations of our biologists very sincerely and we have, I believe -- now correct me, if I am wrong -- we have an opinion from our attorney general that decisions of this type rest within the bounds and powers of the Commission and not with police juries. Am I correct? I don't think



there is any great danger of a police jury influencing this.

MR. DE MARE: Well, we thank you.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: We have with us today Miss Sandra Thompson, who wants to present a proposal about the Atchafalaya Basin. Miss Thompson.

MISS SANDRA THOMPSON: Thank you. It is an honor to be here today, my staff and I, to talk to you about our Atchafalaya Basin Management Area.

As most of you know, the Atchafalaya Basin is very valuable to the state. It is one million acres, approximately, of prime hunting and fishing territory. It is also valuable, not only in hunting and fishing, but also in oil and gas minerals and in very many other commercial interests, commercial fishing and crawfishing. Because so many varied groups are interested in it and because it is a very controversial issue, the Legislature in 1973 unanimously passed Act 365, which set up our agency. One of the things that we were authorized to do under Act 365 is to establish and create management areas in the Basin,



because for so many years, as you all know, people have really been crying out for management areas in the Basin.

It is all privately owned and very few people can get on these privately owned or leased hunting clubs. More and more, especially in the past few years, these landowners have leased these hunting clubs to private individuals. What we have set aside to do is to put some of the state property into a management area for the public at large.

Over a year ago we met with the staff of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and we decided to put the area in Grand Lake. This is a map of the entire Atchafalaya Basin. This is Interstate 10. This is the management area as it stands today, the lower part of the Basin and the Grand Lake area. All of this was once a lake and this is accretion land which was formed from the main channel overflowing and depositing its silt. We have some prime area. Can you see it?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Yes, but would you move around so we can record?



MISS THOMPSON: Sure, O.K. This was quite a controversial issue when we first mentioned it. As soon as we decided and made the announcement that we were going to establish this as a management area, we began to hear a little flak and we had to hold ten public hearings around the state. It took us eight months of deliberations, meetings and compromises before we were able to come up with a plan that would satisfy all groups involved -- the sportsmen, the landowners, the conservationists, the police juries, the area.

What we have come up with is an outdoor recreation area which is not like a wildlife management area. It is different in many ways. We worked with the staff of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in coming up with this plan. Last August our commission approved this plan, this compromise plan. It was also endorsed by the sportsmen groups, by editorial and sports writers and the public at large, the local people in the area who were to be affected the most.

On December 18 State Bond Commission approved our request to sell \$200,000 in bonds so



that we can now establish this area. We are here today to ask you to endorse this plan as submitted to you and authorize your staff to work with us in setting up this area. Under Act 365 we are charged with actually establishing the area but we would like to work with your staff to make sure that the area is one that you can manage and one that will be ready for you to take over and operate and maintain from the day that it is turned over to you.

We would like to ask that you endorse this compromise plan for an outdoor recreation area just as it is submitted to you and authorize your staff to work with us in setting it up. Thank you.

DIRECTOR J. B. ANGELLE: How many total dollars are we talking about that you plan to make available as far as the facilities and the equipment to the Commission?

MISS THOMPSON: We are talking about, in the beginning, \$200,000. Now we realize that we have to build a headquarters complex and clear trails and establish picnic facilities and so forth. If it runs into any more, I am sure that we can go back and get authority for more from the commission.



This is coming from our \$5.7 million bond issue. It is a beginning but it is something that we can show something concrete.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: You are not limited to \$200,000?

MISS THOMPSON: No, we are not limited to that.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Angelle and fellow Commission members, I am in possession of a letter from Governor Edwin Edwards that I would like to read into the minutes.

"Mr. Clay Luttrell, Chairman,

"Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

"Dear Mr. Luttrell:

"The vast Atchafalaya Basin swamp offers excellent opportunities for hunting and fishing for thousands of sportsmen around the state. Unfortunately, in recent years most of these lands have been leased to private hunting clubs, therefore restricting the use of the land to only a few.

"On August 24, 1973, after eight months of



public hearings and deliberations, the Governor's Atchafalaya Basin Commission approved a plan establishing a management area in the Grand Lake region of the Atchafalaya Basin swamp, in accordance with Act 365 of 1972. This compromise plan received the support and approval of sportsmen, conservationists, police juries and local people as well as sports and editorial writers.

"On December 18, 1973, the State Bond and Building Commission approved the request for the sale of \$200,000 in bonds so that work on this area could begin immediately.

"This letter is my endorsement of this compromise plan and my hope that you will authorize the staff of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to work with the Governor's Atchafalaya Basin



Commission and the Atchafalaya Basin Division in establishing this area for the benefit of the public at large as quickly as possible.

"Cordially,

"Edwin Edwards."

Now, having heard the letter for the record, my recommendation is that we grant this authorization. Is there any discussion?

MR. JONES: I so move.

MR. D. F. WILLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? Go ahead.

MR. MARC DUPUY: I feel that it is vital that we put into effect the intent and the purpose of the Legislature and, of course, the Atchafalaya Basin Commission. Much work has been done already. Much work needs to be done. I think this is the beginning of a very favorable plan toward the development of the Atchafalaya Basin in the manner in which it will best serve the purpose and intent of the Atchafalaya Basin Commission and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. I would



like to move --

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved.

MR. DUPUY: -- if you please, that we authorize the plan and authorize the staff to begin immediately to put it into effect.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Is there any other discussion?

(No response)

Hearing none, the question is called. We have a motion by Jerry Jones, seconded by Mr. Wille. What is your pleasure?

MR. WILLE: Would you amend that that it was seconded by Mr. Marc Dupuy?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: All those in favor, signify by voting yes.

IN UNISON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposition?

(No response)

Hearing none, it is so ordered.

MISS THOMPSON: Thank you. I will look forward to working with you.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, deviating from our agenda here, not that everybody else



here is not important, but I would like especially to recognize a member of the legislature who just walked in, the Honorable "Pappy" Triche. Happy to have you, "Pappy".

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Thank you, Mr. Director. I hadn't noticed. All right, let's move along with the regular agenda.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: He may have something to say.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Oh, yes. Representative, do you have something you would like to say to the Commission? Or to the public?

REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE: No, thank you. Just that it is a pleasure to be here and I came here just to lend moral support to the Governor's Atchafalaya Commission and we are grateful to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the decision just made. I think you are going to be happy with it.

MR. D. G. BERRY: With a pretty girl like that, how could you lend any support? (Laughter)

REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE: I thought maybe I was asked to come so I could hold that map up so



she wouldn't be distracted in looking at the map.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: They can get all the help they need! You know, sometimes we have visitors who would like to address the Commission and they don't care to wait for the entire end of the meeting. If we have someone who would like to say a few words, the press or any visitors, feel free to say so at this time. Do we have anyone? I see that we have a distinguished visitor. I recognize him. Mr. Bucquet. I saw him come in. A former Board member. And Mr. Lennox, I believe you are here. Would you care to say something today?

MR. LENNOX: No, sir. I am just a casual observer.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Veillon.

MR. EDGAR VEILLON: Excuse me. I was busy here, having a little private conversation with Mr. O'Neill. Did you ask if anybody wanted to speak?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Yes. Do you have something you want to bring forward?

MR. VEILLON: Actually, all I want to do is make an inquiry regarding a couple of phone



calls that I had received from central Louisiana, regarding cattle grazing on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. I really don't know the details involved, but I do know that the record shows that they shouldn't be there and I would like some explanation if there is any truth to it.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Dupuy and I flew over that area yesterday. We didn't see any, at all. We flew over all that area, checking water and things, and we didn't see any.

MR. DUPUY: The water is very deep throughout that area. There were no cattle on it.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: We saw no cattle and no land for them to be on, even. That's all I can tell you.

MR. VEILLON: Well, were there any on there? This is what I am interested in because I have to reply back to the people who called me. That is my obligation to them.

MR. DUPUY: The policy of this Commission on July 31, 1973 was strict enforcement of no cattle within the management area and the policy still remains the same.



MR. VEILLON: I am aware of that. I have a copy of the resolution here, but I couldn't tell somebody that they weren't on there because I wasn't up there. Now I was told that 125 cows were on this land. If it is not true, I would like it to be said that it is not true.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Veillon, let me ask you this, sir. Rather than to make assumptions, can you tell us who told you so and let us check with him and see if he can verify it?

MR. VEILLON: I can tell you who told me, yes. I don't see that it has any point as to whether they were on there or not.

MR. BERRY: Well, we would like to check with that party and see what information he has got. If they are on the management area, we will check and find out and certainly take appropriate action, but to come here and tell us that somebody has assumed or said or hearsay -- I hear a lot of these things, hearsay, and then when I run these rumors down, I find it to be no fact or basis behind it, and it gives the Commission a black eye on this hearsay stuff. I, for one Board member,



am kind of tired of it and I would just like to pin the thing down. If you give us the man's name, I am sure Mr. Yancey or Mr. Angelle or somebody will check with him and we will see if there is any basis for it. If there is, we will take appropriate action.

MR. VEILLON: Well, what I would like to say at this time is, as President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, when one of my clubs calls me and calls something to my attention, I am going to look into it. We are not making any accusations. I am trying to verify whether it was true or not.

MR. BERRY: You are not making accusations; you are making insinuations, which is the same thing. I don't like this kind of thing. If you have got some facts, please give them to us and give us a chance to clean it up and straighten it up and take appropriate action. If your club will tell us what they saw or who they saw or whose cows they saw, believe me, we will do something about it. That's all I want -- just the facts, no assumptions.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I didn't see any yesterday and that is as much as I can tell you



truthfully. Now if someone saw them, you will have to quote him. As far as me telling you, all I can tell you is that I have no knowledge. I did not see any on there. I don't have your source of information, but yesterday the two of us flew over it very closely, low, and there was none. We were not looking for cattle. We were just looking for any animals. There were no animals, period.

MR. BERRY: Don't misunderstand us. I am happy that you posed this question this morning, and don't take it in the wrong context. I just merely would like to get the facts because on numerous occasions we have had people make public statements, leading statements, that would make everybody in this room and the press, too, think that we were running cattle up there and trying to hide it and make a sham out of it. We don't operate like that. I certainly don't and I don't think any member on this Board does. If you have got any specific facts, that is what we want. We want the names, times and dates and people and, believe you me, Mr. Angelle and his people and the chiefs, they will run it down.



CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: And tend to it, according to the policy.

MR. VEILLON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It will be handled according to the policy.

MR. VEILLON: While I have the floor, I would like to just reflect a little bit on the background of that type of thing on the Saline area. When that area was taken over, there was virtually no wildlife on the area. It was mostly due to the grazing of cattle, which are not compatible with deer. Since that time the area has been brought along considerably. They do have representative populations of turkey, deer, rabbit and squirrel there, and as Mr. Jack Padgett of the Office of Emergency Preparedness made the point yesterday, this is an annual thing. Those people in that area know that this is just about a certainty and just like Mr. Padgett said that once this happens to you a few times, most people realize it is going to happen again and they prepare themselves for it.

I would think that the cattle people in that area should follow the same principle. They



know that that is going to happen again. I would also think that it is not the only high ground in that immediate area that they could make use of. But if this type of thing is allowed to happen, if they know that they can get in there every year, every time it happens, just by asking, it is going to be a recurring thing.

I would also like to point out that the Commission personnel had one heck of a time getting those cows off there originally. Some of the vehicles were shot at and some of the people's lives were put in jeopardy, and for this reason I would like the Commission to reaffirm this resolution that was adopted on July 31 of last year.

MR. JONES: Sometimes I talk when I ought to keep my big mouth shut, but I think Edgar has asked a very important question. You know, Edgar, we had some controversy about it when we adopted it and the policy that we adopted in July, there is no question about the fact that that is the right policy, and I plan to make a motion to do it again, because I think it is the right thing to do, and to leave the matter completely to the discretion of the



Director and his staff. You hear a lot of comments from people about, well, this is a real emergency and these people are really suffering, and I know in emergencies what suffering people can have. I could conceivably see a situation where the Director could, on his own, justifiably, you know, put some cows on there to relieve a real emergency, and I don't think that your organization or anybody would fault him for it. I think that is a decision he ought to be able to make himself and explain his decision and I certainly don't want to be involved in making that decision at some time other than a public meeting. I live far away from it and I don't know anything about it.

Consequently, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to offer a motion, so that there is no question about it, no question at all. What I want to move is that this Commission grant to the Director, if he doesn't already have it, the sole authority to keep those cows off that place. It is our policy to keep them off there.

MR. VEILLON: Jerry, also, if they are going to be allowed to go on there because of a dire



emergency, I would suggest this also, that instead of letting those cows roam over a thousand acres, they could be penned and fed a lot easier maybe on a four-acre tract. The cows can be fed easier than the wildlife can.

MR. JONES: Edgar, I don't want to even make an exception to allow them at all. Our policy is that they not get on there. What I was saying is that I could certainly excuse a man if he saw a real emergency and people were really suffering, on his own, to take it on his own, and I would sure support the Director if he did, but I think our policy ought to be no cows. Our policy ought to be deer and turkey and wildlife.

MR. VEILLON: Jerry, it is not that we are not sympathetic of those people's problems up there. However, I do say that if they know it is a recurring thing, they should make some other preparations other than going on that game management area. It is not that we don't care about the people, but if it comes down to jeopardizing the deer and other wildlife on that area versus cattle, as President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation,



I have got to defend the wildlife.

MR. JONES: The same thing as a member of the Commission. It is our job to take care of the wildlife of the State, not the cattle. That may be a hard line to take but that is what our job is.

MR. BERRY: Gentlemen, you can look at that thing from two or three different angles, in view of the vast force of humanity on this earth, particularly in the United States, where we take public monies and take care of those people who have to be on food stamps and welfare, who know ahead of time they are going to have trouble and should get a job and go to work and don't, so you can equate it any way you want to.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Veillon, our able Director and his assistants are preparing a complete set of Board policies. At the proper time we are going to take that up and discuss it with the entire Board and reaffirm or cast out things we do not need. A reaffirmation today would jeopardize this future coming up. Let me tell you this. As of today, the policy of July 31 is in operation to



the letter, so if we could hold this back and not reaffirm it today because we are going to have to reaffirm it again in just a very short time or correct it or rewrite and those things, I would prefer that.

Now I know what the fight is and I would like a little clarification. You kept saying, "This . . . this . . . this." You are talking about the high water recurring, is that what you are talking about?

MR. VEILLON: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: O.K., then I am clear on it. We are very happy that you came in and very happy that you have brought these points to mind because I can tell you I was in the midst of not removing the cattle but the horses and the hogs and everything else and it did get rough. I guess I perhaps pushed harder than anyone else to see that this area was cleared and I would be I guess prouder than anyone else to see that it was kept cleared, but I wouldn't want to say today, without having had our meeting with the staff members and our Director, on these policies that we would reaffirm



it as it is now because then later I think it will be reaffirmed and strengthened. I think, as a personal matter.

MR. VEILLON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: But later it might become necessary, when you were not present, to do something that we had told you that we were going to do today.

MR. VEILLON: I understand.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Does that meet with your approval?

MR. VEILLON: I understand. One thing I would like to offer for your consideration in formulating any new policy that you might put together is that if the circumstances arise where they have to go on there, do not let them roam the whole thousand acres on there. Keep those things penned up so they won't be in competition with the wildlife on the area.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: You have got a very good point and I am sure that our able chief over here concurs completely and that will be brought out.



MR. VEILLON: Thank you a lot.

MR. BERRY: I would like to suggest or request that you give the Director the names of the people who gave you this information and let us try to document it or at least prove it valid or invalid and let us get a chance to check into it and see what is going on up there. If you would be so kind as to give those names to Mr. Angelle, we would appreciate it.

MR. VEILLON: Well, what I would like to do, just as Mr. Luttrell is going to wait to have a meeting to see whether you are going to reaffirm this or not, I would like to meet with my executive committee to see if that would be advisable at this time, and if they so deem I will do so, thank you.

MR. BERRY: If they don't want to do it, ask them this. Don't come back with any assumptions. We want some facts, not assumptions.

MR. JONES: Just so Edgar can leave here and go back to his organization and know that the present membership of this Commission stands for the proposition that we don't want any cows on those areas, I move that we don't allow cows on the



area.

MR. BERRY: Second that motion.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Is there any discussion?

MR. WILLE: No discussion. Question.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: We have a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Berry, that no cows be allowed -- now do you want to add a little word or two to it -- absolutely.

MR. JONES: No cows!

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Only Saline Game Management Area or all of them?

MR. JONES: Before we do that, Bert, let me ask you something. Do we have any problems anywhere else? We are not allowing cows in any other area, are we?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: No.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Jones, I would like to amend your motion that in an emergency, at the discretion of the Director, this can be done.

MR. AUTIN: How about hogs?

MR. WILLE: All livestock.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Jones, would you include in your motion that only in extreme emergencies



as so directed by the Director himself can this be tolerated or allowed?

MR. JONES: Once you do that, you open the door to somebody, you know. I think he can exercise his discretion. I think that he will be in a position, if he sees a real emergency, he can handle the matter. If we leave the door open, somebody is going to stick their foot in it.

MR. DUPUY: Would you authorize him to do it under your motion?

MR. JONES: I wouldn't authorize him to do it, no.

MR. DUPUY: Then how would he be able to do it?

MR. JONES: What I am saying is, if it is a real emergency and if he did it, I think the sportsmen would excuse the man for doing it. I think our policy ought to be no livestock.

MR. DUPUY: But that would be contrary to Board policy.

MR. JONES: I know it would be, but I think in an emergency, if I were in his position and as a real emergency, I might just say to heck



with the Board policy, I am going to do it if it is a real emergency.

MR. DUPUY: I agree with the basic policy that there ought not be any free roaming livestock on the wildlife management areas. I disagree with the motion that it ought to be so absolute and inflexible that the Director would have to violate the policy if he deemed it necessary, either humanitarian or just absolute necessity from a flood standpoint to differ or in any way vary from that policy. I believe the policy ought to be sensible and logical and ought to be enforceable, and so I would like to express the thought that we ought to leave the policy as it is. We are going to review all of the policies that we have presently and we ought to take into consideration the possibility of having to do something different than an inflexible policy would otherwise prevent us from doing.

MR. BERRY: I concur.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I would like to make this statement. Mr. Veillon, we can adopt all the policies that we want and make them as inflexible as possible, but the pressure of the public when



catastrophes occur is going to go back to where you will have to think of human beings over animals.

Now we have certain groups that have verbally cried crocodile tears when they heard of some alley cat or mongrel puppy being hungry and have voted to kick in the back end little boys and little girls who are going hungry. I don't think we as Commission members could set such an inflexible policy that we would say that under no conditions of emergency that we would exclude helping people over animals.

Now that is just a statement from the Chair and it is just the opinion of one man. Now if there is no other discussion, we will call for the question. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

We will call for the question. It has been moved by Jerry and seconded by Mr. Berry that we reaffirm the policy and add to it a clause that absolutely no animals at any time except at the discretion of the chairman.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Jones, would you take out the word "absolutely"?



MR. JONES: Yes, you can take that out.
I am just saying we don't want cows on there.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: The discussion period is over and I have called for the question. I am sorry, fellows. All those in favor, let it be known by saying aye. All opposed, let it be known by saying no.

(Voice vote here taken.)

Well, there is a tie vote. The Chair will vote. One aye, one no, and I vote no, with the stipulation --

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move to open discussion just for a moment again, please, sir.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Jones, I understand you took the word "absolute" out of this motion.

MR. JONES: My motion simply was that we do not allow any livestock on the game management areas, period.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: All right. Any other discussion.

MR. WILLE: Yes, I would like to say one thing, that in the event that there were an emer-



gency and the Director, as Jerry said, had to do this, I think Mr. Veillon's idea of the penning, the expense of penning these cattle or livestock to a small acreage portion where they could feed them themselves is an excellent idea. You know, if it had to be done under those conditions, I think he is absolutely right. They should not be allowed to roam the whole area, and it would be a little added expense but, after all, we are talking about -- what is a cow worth? We are talking about \$500 per head.

MR. DUPUY: The policy already says "no free roaming . . ."

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: That is an excellent idea. I wish I had thought about the penning. Now is there any further discussion? Are we ready for the question? We need to move along, gentlemen. It is eleven o'clock. All right. State the motion again, Jerry, so I can call the question and take a vote.

MR. JONES: I move that the Commission not permit any livestock on the wildlife management areas, period.



CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Do you understand it?

MR. BERRY: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: All right. The question is called for. Those in favor, let it be known by holding up your hand. Any opposed?

(Show of hands.)

All right, the motion carries.

MS. CORNELIA CARRIER: I am Cornelia Carrier from The Times-Picayune. Since these are public lands and since wildlife belong to all the people, I just have a few questions.

Mr. Luttrell, did anyone up in that area call you about letting cows on the Saline Management Area?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Oh, yes, that happens every day.

MS. CARRIER: What did you reply to them?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I told them I would take it up with the Board.

MS. CARRIER: Did you poll vote this Board?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Yes, but, little lady, if you want a statement for the paper, could you



take it afterward and not --

MS. CARRIER: No, I think we should take it here. I may have to leave early and won't be here at the end of the meeting. Did you poll vote this Commission about letting livestock on that area?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Yes, ma'am.

MS. CARRIER: And what was the vote?

MR. DUPUY: We have made a vote today. There is no need to rehash what may have been unofficial.

MS. CARRIER: The public has a right to know, Mr. Dupuy. Whether you like it or not, you are a public official and this is a public board. Those are cows that belong to all the people. It is a public area and we have a right to know, you know, whether you like it or not.

MR. DUPUY: I understand that very well and I am not in any way attempting to hide anything from you or --

MS. CARRIER: You all did attempt to hide something because you are all holding out you didn't know anything about cows on the wildlife



management, and Mr. Berry there accused Mr. --

MR. BERRY: I didn't know anything about it, and you get that straight.

MS. CARRIER: You were not poll voted then? They did not contact you?

MR. BERRY: I have been out of state. I know nothing about it. I knew nothing about it besides the comment about it a while ago.

MS. CARRIER: All right, so you were not poll voted out of this group? He was the only one. Fine.

MR. DUPUY: You better tell us if you know something that we don't know.

MS. CARRIER: I don't know. I am asking questions. I know nothing --

MR. DUPUY: You are not asking questions. You are making accusations.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I have no comment and that will end any discussion.

MS. CARRIER: I asked him if he poll voted this Commission and he replied yes, and I am asking what was the vote.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I am asking that you



take your seat, please, lady, so I can continue with the agenda.

MS. CARRIER: So you are denying the public the right to know what the poll vote was?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: No comment, no comment. I neither deny nor affirm. All right. Do we have anything else from the floor, other than this. Dr. Lyle St. Amant, represented by Harry Schafer.

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, Dr. St. Amant had received an application for renewal of a permit to remove fill material from St. Malo Bayou. This is a routine renewal for dredge material. The spoil would not be placed in the area. It would be removed and it is used for making cement. This also helps out the navigation in the area as it cleans out the Bayou St. Malo and the mouth of Bayou St. Malo in Lake Borgne. We recommend that it be granted since there will be no effect on the local ecology of the area.

MR. JONES: Harry, are you going to increase the price on this new permit?



MR. SCHAFER: It will go to the five cents that we voted on last time.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Also will we stipulate the one-year clause?

MR. SCHAFER: All our contracts are now one-year, as requested by the Board.

MR. BERRY: I so move.

MR. JONES: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Jones. Do I hear any opposition to the proposition?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant per-
mission to Louisiana Cement to remove
fill material from the Bayou St. Malo
Channel for a period of one year at a
minimum royalty rate of five cents per



cubic yard unless changed by action of the Commission or the State of Louisiana Legislature. If such change occurs, the new price will become effective one month after official Commission or Legislative action.

MR. SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, the Division of Administration had a change in policy on some of their requisitions. We had requisitioned some heating and airconditioning for our quarter barge that we are building and we sent it through the Division of Administration. They got bids out on it and the low bid was \$7,581.50. They now require a contract for any of this type of work and they sent the contract to be signed by the Director, and we would ask that you authorize the Director to sign this contract.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: You mean you are asking that I authorize him or the Board?

MR. SCHAFER: The Board authorize the Director to sign the contract so we can have the work done.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Do I have a motion?



MR. JONES: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wille. How do we vote? Those in favor, aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposition?

(No response)

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: So ordered.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is presently constructing a quarter barge for use by field personnel in the Survey Section, and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Division of Administration has advertised for bids for the central heating and air conditioning of said barge,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to



enter into a contract with the low bidder, General Heating and Air Conditioning Co., of New Orleans, for the installation of heating and air conditioning in the new quarter barge, in the amount of \$7,581.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

MR. SCHAFER: Gentlemen, this was handled routinely by the Director before on these purchase orders through the Division of Administration. It is just a change in policy by the Division of Administration, going to a contract, but since the Board has to approve all contracts, this is why these types of things are now coming before the Board.

The next item is a request to close Hackberry Bay in Lafourche Parish. When we planted oyster shells, clam shells, in this area last year, we had originally intended to plant a larger area which would include the eastern part of Hackberry Bay, but we ran out of money and the only place we



could plant was in this area. When we had decided to plant the whole large part of the Bay, we were going to close the whole Bay, but since we only planted this, we did not close the whole Bay. We just closed the shell plant itself.

There was some confusion. Some people thought that the thing was closed and just recently somebody came in and we told them it was not closed. They went in and they were gathering oysters in this eastern part. We had a request from the Louisiana Oyster Growers Association, asking us to close the whole area and we are now requesting that the whole area be closed but that you authorize the Director or the Assistant Director in case of the Director's absence to let us check the area to see what oysters are in there, and if there are harvestable oysters, that we have a one or two week season, depending upon the amount of oysters in there.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Do you recommend this?

MR. SCHAFER: Yes, we recommend it.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any discussion?

MR. BERRY: I would like to ask Mr. Bucquet



if he has any comments on that.

MR. A. J. BUCQUET: No comment, thank you.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: May I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposed?

(No response)

The motion is carried.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has
initiated a shell planting operation
in Hackberry Bay, in that portion of
the Bay located in Lafourche Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has
received a request from the Louisiana



Oyster Dealers and Growers Association,
dated January 19, 1974, for the closure
of this entire Bay, located in Lafourche
and Jefferson Parishes, to oyster dredg-
ing, and

WHEREAS the biologists of the
Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and
Seafoods Division have reviewed this
proposal and found it to be a sound
conservation recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby close the entire
Hackberry Bay area, located in Lafourche
and Jefferson Parishes, to oyster dredging
in order to protect and propagate the
oysters in said area. Violators of this
regulation shall be prosecuted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if
and when circumstances are found to be
biologically sound, that the Director
and/or Assistant Director shall be hereby
authorized to open Hackberry Bay for



oyster dredging for a two-week period.

MR. SCHAFER: The next thing on the agenda, the Oyster Division has furnished most of our field people with uniforms and we are asking that a uniform policy be adopted by the Board. The policy that we want to adopt was sent or discussed with you. It is similar to the one you adopted for the Enforcement Division. Therefore, we would like you to adopt the uniform policy for the Oyster Division and when these rules and regulations are adopted, we will send them to each one of the individuals who have uniforms and also have Mr. McCarroll put it in the policy book that he is developing.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Is there any discussion?

MR. JONES: I so move.

MR. BERRY: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Opposed?

(No response)



So ordered.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS all major field personnel
of the Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods
Division have been issued adequate uniforms
to be worn on duty while working for the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Com-
mission, and

WHEREAS while on duty for the
Commission, these personnel are repre-
senting the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission does hereby pro-
vide certain rules and regulations for
wearing uniforms in the Oysters, Water
Bottoms and Seafoods Division. A copy
of said rules and regulations shall be
given to each individual of said divi-
sion and shall be strictly adhered to



as detailed in attached policy memo.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, the Corps of Engineers has a plan to channelize about 231 miles of the Cache River and Bayou DeView drainage systems in eastern Arkansas. A lawsuit has been filed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Wild Life Federation to try to stop this project until such time as wild life losses can be minimized.

This area normally carries about a third of the mallard population in eastern Arkansas and these birds flow down into northeast Louisiana and during the warm weather periods in the winter back up as far north as southern Illinois. Because of this fact, Louisiana will be affected. We have received a number of letters and resolutions and telephone calls from sportsmen in this state, asking that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission join with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in an effort to stop this project through litigation that has already been filed.

I called the Arkansas Game and Fish



Commission this morning and they advised me that Minnesota, Ohio and Illinois have joined in this lawsuit on a friend of the court basis. The people that have called the office here and asked that we participate in this litigation on the same basis are requesting that we take this action.

Now if we would want to get into it, I think that the route that we would have to follow would have to be to request that the Attorney General for Louisiana look into the feasibility of joining in this litigation as a friend of the court and if he found that it would be possible, then he would go ahead and contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission people and have Louisiana join into this litigation on a friend of the court basis.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Yancey, what is your recommendation?

MR. YANCEY: Well, duck numbers on this continent are controlled by the acreages of wetlands that are available as breeding ground habitat and wintering ground areas for waterfowl. If this project goes through, it is estimated that there will be about 150,000 acres of bottom land hard



wood cleared and wetlands drained in this particular area. If this happens, of course, it is going to affect adversely the continental waterfowl population. It is going to adversely affect duck hunting in Louisiana, because many of these mallards that use this area come on into this state during cold weather periods. We do have a stake in it and I would recommend that we go ahead and ask the Attorney General's office to participate in this litigation on a friend of the court basis.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Is there any discussion? Would you come up and state your name?

MR. RICHARD STANEK: I am director of the Louisiana Wild Life Federation. For the past two months I have attended meetings of the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality. At both of these meetings a good part of the time was taken up with this Cache River basin suit. Mr. Duplantier and Mr. Troy of the Attorney General's office spoke at these meetings also. The Governor's Council on Environmental Quality has been looking into this. We have sent the Council information on this. Arkansas has sent much information on this. At the



last meeting of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Council did give the OK to the Attorney General's office to go ahead with the suit. All that the Attorney General's office does now need is the OK of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

I would ask that you do give approval to this. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Thank you very much. Anyone else who wants to comment?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Have you all gone on record, the Louisiana Wild Life Federation?

MR. STANEK: Yes, we have.

MR. JONES: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wille, that we accept the recommendation of Mr. Yancey. All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Opposed?

(No response)

Motion carried.

(Text of the resolution



is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS, the U. S. Corps of
Engineers has planned a major flood
control project on the Cache River Basin
in Arkansas that will result in channel-
ization and drainage of some 231 miles
of streams including Bayou DeView; and

WHEREAS this project will effect
the loss of wetlands and adversely affect
migratory waterfowl populations on the
North American continent including popu-
lations of mallards that winter in north-
east Louisiana; and

WHEREAS litigation is now
pending in federal court initiated by
the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
and Arkansas Wildlife Federation to
halt this project until such time as
procedures have been worked out to
minimize wildlife losses; and

WHEREAS, several other states
entered into this litigation on the basis



of amicus curiae,

THEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana enter into the litigation now pending in an effort to prevent the tremendous losses of wildlife resources that will result from the project as it is now planned.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Herring.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first item we have on the agenda is we received bids from the Division of Administration for the construction of a chain link fence around the headquarters facilities at Crawford Landing on our Pearl River Wildlife Management Area. The low bid was from the Hurricane Fence Company in the amount of \$3,297.00. The Division of Administration has recommended this bid and I so recommend to the Commission that we accept this bid from the Hurricane Fence Company.

MR. BERRY: I so move.

MR. JONES: Second.



CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Moved by Mr. Berry,
seconded by Mr. Jones. Do I hear any opposition?

(No response)

Hearing none, it is so ordered.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS, the State Division of
Administration has received bids for the
purpose of constructing a chain link fence
around the Pearl River Wildlife Management
Area headquarter facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Hurricane Fence
Company of New Orleans, Inc., 2200 David
Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, was the low
bidder in the amount of \$3,297.00 and

WHEREAS, the State Division of
Administration recommends this bid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission accept this bid
from the Hurricane Fence Company of
New Orleans, Inc., in the amount of



\$3,297.00 and further notify the State Division of Administration of this action.

MR. HERRING: At the request of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, the State Department of Public Works prepared plans and specifications for a contract to survey the boundaries on our Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area. This contract has been prepared and we have received it this morning in the mail and the Department of Public Works has prepared this with Mr. A. J. Brouillette of Natchitoches, Louisiana. Mr. Brouillette has done work for us before in surveying our Wild Life Management Areas. We have found he does a very good job. They are recommending him and I so recommend him.

We have put a clause in there, not to exceed \$16,240 unless approved by the Director.

MR. DUPUY: I move approval.

MR. WILLE: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.



CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Those opposed?

(No response)

Motion carried.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS the State Department of
Public Works is preparing a contract for
the boundary survey of Loggy Bayou Wild-
life Management Area, and

WHEREAS this contract will be
for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission, and

WHEREAS the contract will be
with A. J. Brouillette, Natchitoches,
Louisiana, and

WHEREAS Mr. Brouillette's firm
has done excellent work for the Commission
in the past,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission give the authority to Mr. J.
Burton Angelle, Director, to approve



this contract, provided it meets with his approval and his staff's approval.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item is bids received from the Department of Public Works for repairs on the Fort Pike boat ramp. The low bid was from the Cypress Construction Company in the amount of \$6,744. As mentioned earlier, this bid we thought at one time was high but after asking the engineers to go back and recheck this through the Department of Public Works, they say that it is a good bid and they recommend us to accept it at this time, to go ahead and have these repairs made. The boat ramp is getting in very poor condition and we would like to recommend to the Commission now that we go ahead and accept this bid through the Department of Public Works to Cypress Construction Company in the amount of \$6,744.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. BERRY: So move.

MR. AUTIN: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Moved by Mr. Berry,



seconded by Mr. Autin. How do you vote? For?

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposition?

(No response)

Motion carried.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS bids have been received
by the Louisiana Department of Public Works
for repairs needed on the Fort Pike Boat
Ramp, and

WHEREAS these bids have been
received for the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS the low bid submitted
was by the Cypress Construction Company
in the amount of \$6,744, and

WHEREAS the Louisiana Department
of Public Works recommends that this bid
be accepted,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission accept the bid received from Cypress Construction Company in the amount of \$6,744 as recommended by the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

MR. HERRING: Gentlemen, the next item on the agenda, we also requested the Department of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications for a boat ramp to be constructed on our Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. These plans and specifications were prepared. The Department of Public Works did go out on bid for the purpose of constructing this boat ramp. Five bids were received. The low bid was from the Ray Construction Company, Marksville, Louisiana, in the amount of \$31,711. The Department of Public Works has recommended this bid and I so likewise recommend to the Commission that we accept this bid for the construction of a boat ramp on Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area in the amount of \$31,711.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: You have heard the statement and the recommendation. Do I hear any opposition?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, I would like



LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES BUILDING
400 ROYAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130

POLICY: 08-01-1

DATE: January 28, 1974

SUBJECT: Field work uniform regulations - Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods


1. PURPOSE: To establish consistent rules and regulations for wearing the field work uniform.
2. APPLICABILITY: These rules and regulations shall apply to all Oyster Division personnel authorized to wear the field work uniform and will be in effect at all times when the uniform is worn.
3. GENERAL: The following regulations set forth the required manner in which the field work uniform will be worn while on official duty. Non-uniform type clothing may be worn while on official duty as the need dictates and when the situation warrants such attire. The issued coveralls may be worn separately or over non-uniform clothing as appropriate when official duty or work is being performed.
 - A. HEADGEAR: No official hat will be issued or required. A bill-type cap will be supplied for field work, and may be worn during official duty time in the field.
 - B. SHIRT (short sleeve summer): To be worn as issued. Clean and neat and tucked in trousers at all times (exception will be those performing support duties that will not allow them to keep clear, i. e. marine mechanic, heavy equipment operation, deckhand, field survey party, construction workers, etc.). All buttons to be fastened (collar excepted). Black ties may or may not be worn at the individual's option based on official duty.
 - C. SHIRT (long sleeve winter): To be worn as issued. Clean and neat and tucked in trousers at all times (exception as noted above). All buttons to be fastened. Black neckties will be worn as dictated by type of official duty, i.e. Commercial Seafood Inspector on licenses detail; Seafood Enforcement personnel on shore duties; all personnel making or contacting the public. Weather will dictate when long sleeved shirts will be worn.

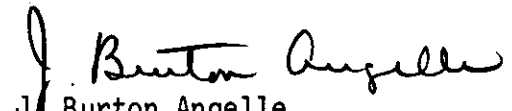
- D. TIE: A solid black cotton tie with four-in-hand or a half-Windsor knot will be worn in such a manner as to conceal the collar button. No substitute ties will be permitted.
- E. BELT: To be a plain solid black leather with no ornamentation or enlarged buckle.
- F. TROUSERS: To be worn as issued, clean and pressed and neat at all times (excepted personnel as noted above).
- G. JACKET: Winter - to be worn as issued as dictated by weather conditions.
- H. FOOTWEAR: Plain toe, black shoes or boots, clean and polished when duties do not require dirty or heavy field work. Safety work shoes or boots or deck-type footwear is approved for field activities requiring this type. Deck shoes or rubber boots as dictated by field work duties will be permitted.
- I. SOCKS: When low quarter shoes are worn, socks will be solid black. Medical exemption required for white socks.
- J. JUMPSUIT-COVERALLS: To be worn as issued. They may be worn in the field as work uniform or over the two-piece field uniform as conditions warrant.
- K. BADGE: To be worn as the duty or assignment requires. When worn it will be displayed over the left pocket or side of the shirt or jacket.
- L. COMMISSION EMBLEM AND DIVISION PATCH: To be centered on left sleeve one inch below the shoulder seam or as issued. The emblem on the field cap will be centered on the crown of the cap above the bill.

4. RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. Each supervisor is responsible to assure conformance with the provisions of this policy.
- B. Spot inspections may be made in the field at any time by the Director and by the chief, assistant chief or supervisors of the Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods Division.

- C. Each employee is responsible for being clean shaven with hair neatly groomed. Uniforms are to be neat, clean and pressed with all metal polished and all leather shined.
- D. Any employee violating any of the provisions of this policy is subject to disciplinary action. Violations which reflect discredit to the uniform or result in embarrassment to the Commission may subject the offender to dismissal.


Harry E. Schafer
Chief, Division of Oysters,
Water Bottoms and Seafoods


J. Burton Angelle
Director

Distribution: All employees of the Division of Oysters,
Water Bottoms and Seafoods - 1
District Offices - 2
Division Chiefs - 2
Staff Officers - 1

for the record to show that I abstain from voting on this particular motion. My client is the successful bidder.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. AUTIN: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Autin. Those in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposed?

(No response)

Motion carried.

(Text of the resolution
is here made a part of
the record.)

WHEREAS the Louisiana Department of Public Works has received bids for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS these bids are for the purpose of constructing a boat ramp on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS the low bid was from Ray



Construction Company, Marksville, Louisiana,
in the amount of \$31,711,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission accept the low bid of \$31,711
received from Ray Construction Company,
Marksville, Louisiana, as recommended by
the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

MR. GERALD MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman and
Members of the Commission, the Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission has been approached by the
Baton Rouge City Police Department, more particu-
larly the Community Relations Division of the Baton
Rouge City Police Department, to acquire a tract of
land owned by the Commission just outside of Baton
Rouge for use as a recreational facility and for
use in their community relations programs. The
original request was to purchase the land. However,
in reviewing the title to this property, I find
that title was placed in the Commission by a will
from Mr. Waddell, in which he placed a restriction
on the use of the property, that it be maintained
as a wild life refuge and forest preserve.



However, I feel after reviewing the will and the law involved, that the property can be leased to the City Police Department, with the restriction that it be maintained, that the character of the wildlife refuge and forest preserve be maintained by the City Police Department and with its additional use for their community relations department.

I would recommend a 25-year lease of the property to the City Police Department of the property, with the restriction or reservation of some property for the use of the Commission at some later date if the Commission sees fit.

MR. JONES: As I understand, you have not prepared the lease yet?

MR. MARTINEZ: No, I have not, Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: Would it be proper for us to approve the lease, once it is prepared? I think you have covered all the hurdles.

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, I think it would. What I am looking for is authority to prepare a lease and some direction as to what you want in the lease.



MR. JONES: I move that our attorney be authorized to proceed --

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I would like to hear any recommendations that our Director might have on this, if you don't mind, Jerry.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, I have no other recommendations besides the recommendations of our attorney, Mr. Martinez, that it be a 25-year lease and that a portion of the acreage be set aside for Commission use in the future.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Martinez to look into the aspect of perhaps stating in the lease that anytime in the 25-year period that the City of Baton Rouge does not maintain this for this purpose it was originally gotten for that it revert back to the Wild Life and Fisheries.

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, Mr. Berry, that would be an essential part of the lease so we do not lose the character of the property as a forest reserve and wildlife refuge.

MR. BERRY: I don't want to be stuck for a 25-year lease and they would make use of it for



three years and then it would sit there for 22 years with no use, really, if somebody else wanted to make use of it in a similar project.

MR. DUPUY: In your preparation of the proposed lease, I believe you will need to sit with Mr. Angelle and other members of the staff and look at the tract on the ground, to see which 25 or 30 acres or whatever acres we might ever need in the future for possible capital improvements of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, so that you can best describe it and leave yourself an opportunity and an out. I know that it is difficult to put into a lease that we have the right to reacquire or to use a portion of it. That is too vague. We may not know at the moment just what acreage would possibly be needed in the future so you had best look at it.

MR. MARTINEZ: It would be better if we could decide on the acreage now, right.

MR. DUPUY: But you had better look at it on the ground first.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any other discussion? Jerry, would you restate your motion, please?



MR. JONES: Yes. I move that our attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary lease, incorporating the suggestions that were made, and that the lease in its final form be brought back for approval by the Commission.

MR. BERRY: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Opposed?

(No response)

The motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Martinez.

Now I believe we are down to you, Mr. Director.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The two last items on the agenda deal with our budget as submitted to the Division of Administration for 1974-75 fiscal year. The fiscal division has prepared the budget, with copies to all the Board members. I am happy to say that we are presenting to the Division of Administration and the Budget Committee a realistic budget within



our revenues and still leaving some cushion for emergencies for the year '74-75.

We have a total request budget of \$16,284,000 and anticipated revenues of a little over \$18 million, leaving a cushion of about \$1,781,000. A number of the Commission members did work with our fiscal division. Mr. Yancey, Assistant Director, and Dr. St. Amant and all the division chiefs and myself, spent many hours preparing this. I believe it is very, very realistic and I recommend to the Commission that they ratify the work that we have put together. This has been submitted to the Division of Administration as of January 15, as provided for in mandatory provisions.

At this time, Mr. Chairman and Board Members, I recommend that you ratify the budget requests as submitted.

CHAIRMAN LUTTERLL: For the record, Mr. Angelle, I would like to state that I was present at some of these meetings and that these people have worked very hard and very diligently and I feel in the depth of my heart that this is a realistic and good budget. Do I have a motion?



DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Excuse me a minute.
For the benefit of the press and the general public,
I would also like to make the statement that we
generate our revenues within Wild Life and Fisheries.
We receive absolutely no monies at all from the
general fund and we stay within these generated
revenues in expending this budget.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Is there any other
discussion?

MR. BERRY: I move approval.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: It has been moved by
Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All in favor,
say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Any opposition?

(No response)

The motion carries. Mr. Director.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: The other item on the
agenda is our February meeting. It is set for
February 26, which would be the February meeting
and would be in conflict with Mardi Gras. I would
like to recommend to the Board that they move the



meeting up one week and have the meeting on February 18 and 19.

MR. BERRY: So move.

MR. JONES: Second.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: You have heard the motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Jones. All those in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The motion is carried.

We have one other item that is not on the agenda. I would like to call on Mr. Dupuy to read out of the new Constitution that portion pertaining to the Wild Life and Fisheries, just for public knowledge.

MR. DUPUY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you know, the Constitutional Convention has proposed a Constitution draft which has been published. The provisions of the Constitution relating to Wild Life and Fisheries are contained in Article IX, dealing with Natural Resources. There have been substantial changes in



the format and the substance of the Constitution in this regard.

Section 1 of Article IX is a statement of public policy with regard to natural resources and environment. It, of course, says that "the natural resources of the state, including air and water, and the healthful, scenic, historic and esthetic quality of the environment shall be protected, conserved and replenished insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the people. The legislature shall enact laws to implement this policy."

That is the basic public policy regarding natural resources. The Article then proceeds in sections to deal with natural gas, the alienation of water bottoms, reservation of mineral rights and the laws of prescription, public notice and public bidding requirements, and tidelands ownership, and forestry.

Then in Section 7 of the eight sub-sections, it deals with the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. It again provides that "the control and supervision of the wildlife of the state,



including aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission," which shall be a part of the executive branch of the government, again constituted by seven members appointed by the governor. There is a change, however, in that the confirmation of the governor's appointments must be made by the Senate. This is not in the present existing law. Six members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, one a term concurrent with the governor. Three of the electors shall be from the coastal parishes, representing the commercial fishing and fur industries; the remaining four shall be at large other than representation of the commercial fishing and fur industries.

The functions and responsibilities and duties of the Commission and the compensation for members shall be as provided by law. The Constitution, of course, does not make those provisions. It is presently in the Louisiana Revised Statutes but thereagain I think it would perhaps be necessary that the legislature reenact those provisions dealing with the administrative and other detailed functions of the Commission.



We do now look to this new Constitution for the basic provisions and it is now under a natural resources article. This is a new approach and a new concept.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: For the benefit of the press and the public and the Commission members as a whole, Mr. Angelle, do you have any comments?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, in behalf of the Commission members and in behalf of the sportsmen, hunters, fishermen, and the outdoor enthusiasts that we represent, I think it would be a proper public statement we are most appreciative of the Constitutional Convention delegates in maintaining our constitutional status. I was present at the time this was voted on. It was a 92-10 vote. I think it represents a vote of confidence of the Commission and in behalf of the Commission, the sportsmen, the people we represent, I would like to give them a great big thank-you and possibly go on record to that effect.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Thank you, Mr. Director. I would like to make this statement. I don't believe there is any other division of the state



government that touches so many people in such a vital way as the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission or its function, of course, with the new group we have here. I don't want this statement to be misconstrued. This is a personal statement. I have read this in its entirety and this is so much better than the old Constitution under which we served that I want to reiterate what he said, that we should give a big hand of applause to our framers of the new Constitution. I would certainly like to say this, that I hope this thing will pass. I hope it gets complete support because it is a wonderful document, when you consider it alongside the old document. That is not involving the Commission. That is a personal statement.

MR. DUPUY: You don't want a motion?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: No, no resolution is needed. Business all being completed, I so rule that we adjourn. Oh, excuse me, I am sorry. We are in too big a hurry. We have a man who wants to be heard. Perhaps there are other people who might want to be heard.

MR. DAN GREEN: My name is Dan Green with



The Times-Picayune. I am back to the cow issue again, I am sure you all know. I first heard from Edgar Veillon, the president of the Wildlife Federation, who told me he had some sources in Alexandria. I checked it out and found that through Commission personnel there are cows on the Saline refuge or wildlife management area.

The report I got was that there were four farmers with up to 125 cattle and that they are on there most likely today, unless they were driven out yesterday. I can give you my sources if you want them. I can also give you the name of the farmer. (Hands memorandum to Mr. Berry)

That is one man who was contacted by a Commission board member.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Green, I was perhaps a little outspoken a while ago when I talked to this little lady over here and I apologize for it, but let me tell you my sensitivity in this area.

Since I have been on the Commission I have heard numerous accusations and assumptions and half-truth statements made and I have spent a lot of time and effort running them down and have wasted



a lot of time. This is the first thing I have heard, an assumption, that has had some basis for it. We do want to correct any wrongdoing. We do want to correct anything that shouldn't be going on beyond a shadow of a doubt, but we do need these kinds of facts to take appropriate action. It saves us a lot of time and trouble and a lot of effort. As you well know, people are prone this day and time to make leading statements and to send us off shadow-boxing. Personally, my time is valuable to me and the people I represent, and with this kind of information, I am sure we can get justice.

MR. GREEN: I personally thought Mr. Veillon was a good source.

MR. BERRY: I didn't say that Mr. Veillon wasn't a good source. I merely asked him, and I think I have told him I was glad he was here. I merely asked him to give us the names and facts so we as Commission members and Mr. Angelle as Director can run this thing down very speedily and get some action on it.

MR. GREEN: May I ask one more question?



MR. BERRY: Yes, sir.

MR. GREEN: Who authorized the cattle on the refuge?

MR. BERRY: I do not know, sir.

MR. GREEN: Do you suppose we could get an answer?

MR. JONES: Let me say something. We could beat around the bush and, you know, I kind of believe something is getting on Mr. Angelle's shoulders that ought not be on Mr. Angelle's shoulders and I don't want to see it there, or on Mr. Herring or Mr. Yancey or anybody else.

I believe in just facing the facts as they are. We had the resolution in July and Mr. Luttrell called me and I don't know who else he called. He explained to me that he felt it was an emergency situation up there and asked me how I felt about it. Well, at the time, I am in Cameron, Louisiana, 100 miles away, and don't know a thing about it except what I read in the paper and I can't evaluate it.

My first suggestion to Mr. Luttrell was that the matter could wait until Monday and Tuesday



and if we have an emergency, let's certainly discuss it. But I told Mr. Luttrell that you are on the scene. If you see a situation developing that is really an emergency situation, you use your best judgment until Monday or Tuesday.

I would expect the Director, when he comes upon a problem like that, and I know he will, to use his best judgment in the situation. If any cows were permitted on there, I don't know who permitted them on there and it really doesn't make that much difference to me. I think the important thing is that I had one conversation about it with Mr. Luttrell and I think Mr. Luttrell was in good faith about it. He saw a problem developing. As far as I was personally concerned, if his judgment was that this was a real emergency situation that could not wait until Monday and Tuesday and this was about Thursday, I believe, we talked, I told him that as far as I was concerned, you use your best judgment in the matter. That is apparently what happened during that period of time.

MR. WILLE: I was also called and I feel the same way, being in Bossier and Mr. Luttrell



being in Alexandria, he should have been familiar with the problem and what it was. I am sorry, young lady, because I am a member of the press, too, that you were cut short with a no-comment. Nothing makes a reporter madder than a no-comment.

I think that when Mr. Luttrell called me, I said, "Clay, if it is an emergency and if you think that this is necessary, then it should be done." However, the reason that I had interjected a while ago into this emergency type situation, I am in complete agreement with Mr. Veillon that if it has to be done, that they should be penned within a certain area at the expense of the farmers. I mean I can't see livestock drowning, either, if there is any way you can save them. We have had it happen all over the country and we know that there is a flood. We have got a worse flooding situation in this state right now since 1900 and that is how high the waters are right now in the rivers throughout the state. We are going to have a bad flood this year, and it is not going to get any better because it continues to rain. I think that under those conditions and I think that the



resolution that was passed, as modified, that these people would pen these animals up so that they would not harm our wildlife, because we are primarily interested in our wildlife, and this is what our job is. I think it was more or less a misunderstanding on the part of everybody. Mr. Berry was out of the state. He didn't even know anything about it at the time it happened. I think the rest of the Commission members will bear me out the same way. We all felt like Mr. Luttrell was using his good judgment when he did this. I am going to back Mr. Luttrell on that.

I also want to say that Mr. Angelle was not available or couldn't be contacted. At the time he was out. Mr. Angelle very seldom takes annual leave but at this particular time he was on annual leave and he was out where he couldn't be contacted.

MR. GREEN: I would just like to say one thing. I really didn't think it was that big a deal, a few cows staying on high ground, you know.

MR. WILLE: When it interferes with wild-
life, I think that it is and I think they should



be penned up.

MR. GREEN: Well, I agree when they take food away from the deer, yes. I understand that, but I still think, like you said, if the situation demanded that they be put on high ground, I don't see, I don't think any sportsman in the state would argue. Put them on the high ground; save them. But in this situation there was a lot of deception on the part of the Commission, and this is what I think to a reporter, Miss Carrier and myself, is more important than the cows on the refuge.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Green, both you and Miss Carrier have stated publicly that there is deception on the part of the Board. I don't think that is a fair statement. I don't think you ought to be saying that.

The Commission's policy, which has never varied, is that there be no free-ranging domestic or semi-domestic livestock on Saline Management Area. Now if there are cows on the management area today, and obviously some of the Board members, most of the Board members, don't even know know that that is a fact, and we are taking your word



for it, that it is a fact, the cows won't be there tomorrow. The policy is still the same. It was again reaffirmed today and I just don't understand why you are trying to embarrass this Commission.

MR. GREEN: I will tell you why. I can give you my sources and prove -- I hate to call you deceitful; no one likes to do it, but I think there is evidence, and if you want me to call on one of my sources, I think we can show that there was some deception. I don't necessarily want to do that.

MR. DUPUY: To what extent, sir? If the cows were permitted to say on the management area for one day or two days or ten days, I don't know how long or if they are there at all, but if they are there, they are not going to remain there, so what is the big problem about a few cows in an emergency?

MR. GREEN: Just the fact that the Commission refused to acknowledge the fact that they were on the refuge.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I don't believe any man on this Commission ever saw one cow on that



area. Now they perhaps heard about it, but hearsay is not admissible evidence. Now the proper procedure as prescribed in the handbook about polling the Board was followed. Now I am sorry if I hurt the little lady's feelings but all of a sudden to be asked to divulge what other Commission members have said was a little more than I cared to do, so I just said, "No comment."

I live nearest of all, and I have never seen one cow on there, but I will assure you this, that any cow that is on there as of now is on there illegally and that we expect our Director through his chiefs to have those moved as soon as possible. Tomorrow, next day or as soon as possible to get them out. We have reaffirmed today the policy of July 31 is in effect.

MR. GREEN: How about yesterday or day before?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: What do you mean, yesterday or day before?

MR. GREEN: Well, there was some permission given, from what I have been told, that cattle be driven onto the area, and according to Commission



personnel, there are cattle on the area.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Are you asking what the decision of the poll was?

MR. GREEN: Well, if you want to tell us --

MR. BERRY: I will say this --

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I would like to tell him.

MR. BERRY: -- if he hadn't tolerated the cattle to be put on the high land, he would have just let them drown. You are damned if you do and damned if you don't.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Mr. Berry, if you will permit, I would like to give you what it was, and I think it was good. The poll was made and it was unanimous. The decision was simply this, that upon individual application of an emergency, that an individual, after having proven that the emergency existed, and that was considered no ground in which to feed the cattle and so forth, would be given permission to hold them on this, and it is not a large area; it is a small area behind the levee, for a very short period of time, nothing



permanent, but until such time as he could secure some place to transport them or dispose of them by sale.

Now we had an application from one man based on the needs of two other people. Before this could be implemented, the man came forward and asked that it not be considered, since they had taken such a tremendous loss in the previous year in 50 percent of the stock, that they had decided to just sell them. Now I assumed from that statement that they had never been put on. Now I don't know they had not been put on, but Mr. Dupuy, as I told the little lady, and I flew over the area yesterday looking for wild life and looking for exposed land, and we did not see any cattle on the area yesterday. Now I am not saying they were not there. I am simply saying -- and let's get this absolutely straight -- that we did not see any. If they are on there, they are on there illegally and should be removed..

Have I been fair with you now?

MR. GREEN: You are saying then that you did give permission to someone to go on the refuge,



one man, anyway.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: I didn't; I don't give permission.

MR. GREEN: Well, the Commission.

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: Now let's be careful about it. Gave permission that if a person made a direct appeal and could prove that an extreme emergency existed, that he would be permitted to hold for a short period of time until he could do other things, either find a place to put them or sell them. That was given, yes.

MR. GREEN: Well, I can understand the situation. I don't know the situation; it may have been an emergency. You don't have to answer this but I will just say, in leaving you, why wasn't Mr. Veillon told this when he asked?

CHAIRMAN LUTTRELL: That I don't know.

MR. GREEN: Thank you.

MR. JONES: I move we adjourn.

MR. WILLE: Second.

. . . Thereupon, at 11:45 o'clock
a.m., Tuesday, January 29, 1974,
the meeting was adjourned. . . .

